

Subject: California Information Reporting Requirements for Check Casher Businesses

Effective January 1, 2006, new information reporting requirements went into effect for California check casher businesses (Revenue and Taxation Code section 18631.7). If you have eligible transactions, you must submit an information return to us between January 1, 2007 and April 2, 2007.

We understand that this requirement to collect, maintain, and report, check casher transaction data is a new responsibility for you. We will administer this program in a reasonable manner and will take into account its newness when determining whether check cashers have made a reasonable effort to comply.

We continue to look for ways to ease some of the burden associated with this program. We eliminated the paper filing option for this filing period. Instead, we will only accept reports submitted on CD-ROM disk. You can get filing instructions, record layout information, and mailing procedures from our Check Casher Information Reporting Webpage. Go to www.ftb.ca.gov and type "check casher" into the search field.

Our CD-ROM filing procedures work with most business applications. You will need either:

- Computer resources and suitable business software; or
- A service familiar with preparing information returns for government agencies.

If you are unable to report the required transaction information due to inadequate computer resources, you may be eligible for a waiver. You can request a waiver anytime before April 2, 2007. To request a waiver, complete and submit form FTB 3607, Check Casher Information Reporting Waiver Request. The form is located in the waiver section of the Webpage. Even if we grant you a waiver from reporting 2006 transactions, you should maintain the data for five years.

Visit our Webpage for the most current news and information about our check casher program. If you need assistance, call our Information Reporting Helpdesk at (916) 845-6304 or send us an email at IRPhelp@ftb.ca.gov. We are available Monday through Friday except for official state holidays.